

Patriot Day

"We stand united as Americans to move forward with certainty. We will always remember, but more importantly, we will learn. Learn to heal, learn to rebuild, learn to protect our liberties, and learn to better value our freedoms."

-- Governor Mike Leavitt

Utah will join the world community in remembering the victims of the tragic acts of September 11, 2001 by commemorating Patriot Day each year. We will gather not only to remember, but to show our resolve to learn from our losses, sustain our renewed patriotism, and protect our freedoms.

State-Hosted Commemoration Activities

- September 10, 2002, 10 p.m., Flag Ceremony, State Capitol
- September 11, 2002, 9:45 a.m., Statewide Moment of Silence
Declaration Honoring Rescue Workers and Proclaiming Patriot Day
- September 11, 2002, 10 p.m., Flag Ceremony and Commemoration, State Capitol
- September 13-27, 2002, Commemorative Art Show, State Capitol
- October, Acts of Kindness Recognition, Gold Room

Governor's Call to Action

1. Display flags at half-staff on September 11, 2002, and raise them that evening.
 - We lower the flag to mourn the loss of thousands of innocent lives.
 - We raise the flag to express our hope for the future and the resiliency of the American people.

2. Participate in a one-minute statewide moment of silence on September 11, 2002 at 9:45 a.m. **The Utah Department of Health will hold a moment of silence at this time which will be led over the Cannon Building and Laboratory Public Address Systems. If you are in other buildings, please check with your building management for details.**
 - Governor Leavitt will lead the moment of silence from an event honoring rescue workers.
 - The moment of silence will be broadcast to schools throughout the state.

3. Conduct appropriate commemoration activities in all schools, including discussions about what has been learned in the year since September 11, 2001.

4. Respectfully request that Utahns practice "acts of kindness" during the week of September 11, 2002 as a demonstration of the triumph of goodness.
 - Residents are asked to submit examples via email of the good deeds their family, friends, and neighbors do during the week of September 11, 2002. Send submissions to governor's office at this address kindness@utah.gov. The governor will highlight a selection of those submitted in a ceremony held at the Capitol.
 - Ask residents to turn their headlights on while driving on September 11, 2002 as a reminder of the vigilance, hope and unity we share.